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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Philosophy (in progress)
University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

M.A. Philosophy (2009)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)
Thesis: "Supervaluationism, Penumbra Connections, and the Nature of Higher-Order Vagueness"
Thesis Advisor: Brian Epstein
Committee Members: Brian Epstein, James C. Klagge, Walter Ott

B.A. (*cum laude*) Philosophy and Religion (with Honors in Philosophy) (2006)
University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW)
Honors Thesis: "Conditional Statements and Other Iffy Things"
Thesis Advisor: Ferenc Altrichter
Examining Committee: Ferenc Altrichter, Jessica N. Berry, William Heath White, Richard K. Olsen

PRINCIPLE AREAS OF INTEREST

Philosophical Logic (Conditionals, Vagueness, Indeterminacy, Model Theory)
Philosophy of Language (Conditionals, Vagueness, Truth, Semantics vs. Pragmatics)
Metaphysics (Indeterminacy, Time, Mind)

Additional Areas of Interest

Metaphysics of Science (in particular, Dispositions)
Modern Philosophy (Language, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Kant)
History of Analytic Philosophy (in particular Frege, Russell, and Wittgenstein)
Logic and Metaphysics of Modalities

Professional Experience

Instructor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, UNCW, 2010-present
PAR 110: Introduction to Logic, Summer 2011
PAR 110: Introduction to Logic, Summer 2011 (on-line with Blackboard)
PAR 110: Introduction to Logic, 2010 Summer

Instructor (Philosophy), Humanities/Fine Arts, Cape Fear Community College, Summer 2010
PHI 240: Introduction to Ethics (on-line with Blackboard)

Instructor, Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech (2009-2010)
PHIL 1304: Morality and Justice, Spring 2010 (2 sections, 40 students/section)
PHIL 1204: Knowledge and Reality, Fall 2009 (2 sections, 40 students/section)
PHIL 1204: Knowledge and Reality, Summer I 2009 (20 students)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Philosophy, Virginia Tech (2007-2009)
PHIL 1504: Language and Logic, Spring 2009 (Instructor: Jean Miller)
2 recitation sections per week and full grading responsibilities for 50 students
PHIL 3505: Symbolic Logic, Fall 2008 (Professor: Brian Epstein)
Full grading, exam reviews, office hours (with Blackboard)
PHIL 1504: Language and Logic, Spring 2008 (Professor: Chris Haufe)
2 recitation sections per week and full grading responsibilities for 50 students
PHIL 1204: Knowledge and Reality, Fall 2007 (Professor: Joseph C. Pitt)
3 recitation sections per week and full grading responsibilities for 76 students

Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (2007 & 2008)
Introduction to Logic: June-July 2008, Roger Williams University
Introduction to Logic: July-August 2007, Roger Williams University

Articles (peer reviewed)

“On the Meaning of ‘If’”
Journal of Philosophy at the University of Toledo IX (2008) pp. 5-14.

“A Discourse on Mary”
Prolegomena, The University of British Columbia’s Undergraduate Journal of Philosophy 1 (2007).

Other Articles

“When Is ‘If’ Enough?”
Oh Humanities! The 2007 Magazine of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of North Carolina Wilmington

Conference Papers, Talks, and Commentaries

“What’s So Interesting about Vagueness?”
Philosophy and Religion Society, UNCW, April 2010

“Penumbral Connection”
Rocky Mountain Philosophy Conference, University of Colorado – Boulder, April 2010

“What are Penumbral Connections?”
Annual Meeting of the Australasian Association of Philosophy, July 2009

Commentary on “Moral Discourse and Assertion: A Reply to Kalderon’s Argument from Intransigence”
Author of Paper: Drew Karlberg (Northern Illinois University)
Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference, November 2008

“Nonconditional Conditionals?” [extension of “Biscuit Conditionals”]
Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference, March 2008

“Visualization and Geometrical Determination: Kant and Strawson on Space and Verification”
Annual Meeting of the Society for Philosophy and Psychology, June 2008 (poster) (unable to attend due to employment obligations to the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth); University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society’s Spring Conference, March 2008 (unable to attend due to my attendance at the Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference); Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2008; Midsouth Philosophy Conference, February 2008

“Biscuit Conditionals”
University of Iowa Graduate Philosophical Society’s Spring Conference, April 2007; North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2007

“A Perspective on Kant’s Phenomena and Noumena”
Midsouth Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, February 2006

“Fatalism and the Asymmetry of Time”
Joint Meeting of the South Carolina Society for Philosophy and the North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2006

“A Discourse on Mary”
North Carolina Philosophical Society, February 2005

Funding, Awards, Prizes, Recognitions

Graduate Teaching Assistantship (3 Quarters/Year): UCSB, 2011-2014
Ralph W. Church Fellowship: UCSB, Winter and Spring 2011
Graduate Division Grant: UCSB, Fall 2010
Dean's Diversity Assistantship: Virginia Tech, 2007-2009
MAOP Graduate Scholar: Virginia Tech, 2007-2009
Graduate Student Teaching Excellence Award (Philosophy Department Nominee): Virginia Tech, February 2009
GSA Travel Fund Program Award: Virginia Tech Graduate Student Assembly, April and December 2008
Graduate Student of the Month: Virginia Tech Graduate School, May 2008
Best Undergraduate Paper: North Carolina Philosophical Society, 2005 and 2007
Chancellor's Academic Achievement and Minority Student Leadership Award: UNCW, 2005 and 2006
Student Scholar Award: UNCW Department of Philosophy and Religion, Spring 2006

Professional Affiliations

Southern Society for Philosophy and Psychology: 2008-present
Society for Philosophy and Psychology: 2008-present
Australasian Association of Philosophy: 2008-present
American Philosophical Association: 2006-present
North Carolina Philosophical Society: 2005-present

Professional Service

Referee for the 2009 Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference (Topic: Contemporary Philosophy of Science)
Session Chair at the 2009 Australasian Association of Philosophy Conference
Philosophy Compass User Crew (2008 and 2009)
Referee for the 2008 Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference (Topic: Ethics in the 20th Century)
Diversity Student Initiative Liaison, 2008 Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference
Simon Blackburn Hospitality Committee, 2008 Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference
Session Chair at the 2008 Australasian Postgraduate Philosophy Conference
Referee for the 2007 Virginia Tech Graduate Philosophy Conference (Topic: Mind)
ESL Tutor [unpaid volunteer]: Student from Burma (2004-2006), Student from El Salvador (2005)
Referee for *Prolegomena*

Academic References

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Jessica N. Berry, Assistant Professor, Georgia State University
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Web: <http://www.phil.vt.edu/wott/wott.html>
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